

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Monday, February 11, 1991**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Board of Health:

- 1) Introduction of New Staff.
- 2) Proposed Guemes Island Groundwater Study.
- 3) Response to Sewage Sludge Questions.
- 4) Update on Ongoing Personal Health Programs: a) Pertussis, b) SIDS.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Public Works Department - Mark Spahr, Director:

- 1) Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Portion of SneeOosh Road #4001.
- 2) Presentation - Certificate of Commendation for Skagit County Recycler of the Month for February - "Anacortes Recycles".
- 3) Signature - Addendum to George Theodoratus Lease for County Concrete Property.
- 4) Resolution - Increasing Solid Waste Operating Fund #401 Change Fund.
- 5) Resolution - Increasing County Road Fund #117 Change Fund.
- 6) Signature - Professional Services Contract - Hayes Well Drilling.
- 7) Signature - Professional Services Contract - Leonard and Boudinot for Survey Work on East Lake Drive.
- 8) Supplement to Agreement with City of Sedro Woolley for South Third Street.
- 9) Signature - Rock Grant.
- 10) Call for Bids - One New 1991 All-Wheel Drive Passenger Van.
- 11) Call for Bids - Rental Equipment for Bid (Trucks, Loaders, Backhoes, Excavators, Draglines, Dozers, Etc.).
- 12) Call for Bids - 100,000 Sandbags.
- 13) Call for Bids - One New 3/4 Ton Cargo Van.
- 14) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Presentation - Foodwatch - Jay Crawford.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Budget/Finance Update.

2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Discussion - Sedro Woolley Shop.

2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Discussion - Removal of Sinclair and Cypress Island from Building Permit Moratorium.

2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Discussion - Toll Free Phone Service to Anacortes "293" Exchange.

3:10 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Field Review - Dike Repair on Fir Island.

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4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission 1991 Annual Study Session Meeting.  
(Max Dales Restaurant, Mount Vernon)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 11, 1991, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux and Robby Robinson present. Commissioner Ruth Wylie's absence was excused.

### BOARD OF HEALTH.

#### 1) Introduction of New Staff.

John Thayer, Director of Environmental Health, introduced Keith Frederickson, Mental Health Specialist, to the Board. Mr. Frederickson was hired January 28 and came from the University of Washington where he was involved in environmental safety.

Barb Meier, Director, Nursing Services, introduced Elva Helmer, Public Health Nurse, to the Board. Ms. Helmer was hired January 2. She attended Catholic University in Puerto Rico and is bilingual. Ms. Helmer advised that she has been a community nurse for 5 1/2 years and this is her first experience as a Public Health Nurse.

#### 1) Proposed Guemes Island Groundwater Study

Lorna Haycox, Environmental Health Specialist, Health Department, introduced Howard Pellett and Marianne Koolman, property owners on Guemes Island, to the Board. Mr. Pellett reviewed the proposed Guemes Island Groundwater Study with the Board.

Mr. Pellett reported that he represents the Guemes Island Water Resource Committee and is President of the Guemes Island Property Owners Association. He advised that Ms. Koolman represents the Environmental Trust.

Mr. Pellett advised that questionnaires have been sent to Guemes Island property owners asking for their observations regarding water quality on the island. Seventy percent of the people surveyed are not satisfied with the water at this time. Seventy percent are concerned with the availability of water for the future. A questionnaire has been sent to the 12 water associations on the island and 10 have been returned. All but two of those associations stated they felt there was a need for a ground water study. All of the water on the island is ground water.

There was some discussion about the increased growth on Guemes Island. Mr. Pellett reviewed with the Board a chart showing the increased ferry traffic.

Mr. Pellett said there have been observations of water quality problems on Guemes. He reviewed a chart showing salt water intrusion on the island with gray areas indicating areas of real trouble. Also, it is worse in the summertime.

Mr. Pellett reported that a meeting was held in September with John Thayer and D.O.E. and U.S.G.S. representatives. The U.S.G.S. representative sent a proposal suggesting that a ground water study be done. The proposal has been approved by their regional office. U.S.G.S. would do the work. They have done that kind of thing before and they would fund 1/2 of the study, depending on available resources. The Department of Ecology would fund 25% with Centennial Clean Water Funds, and they are asking that the County fund the remaining 25%. The County must be the lead agency as far as the study is concerned.

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The total cost estimate is \$200,000.

Mr. Pellett said they have roughed out an application, which will need to be sent to D.O.E. by February 22.

Commissioner Vaux asked if Guemes Islanders would consider endorsing a surcharge on ferry rates in order to pay for the County share of the application. Mr. Pellett said that he did not know and advised that he could not speak for the islanders about this.

Commissioner Vaux said he would have no problem with Skagit County being the lead agency but had concerns about where the \$50,000 would come from. County funds have been allocated for this year and those funds that might be available are spread out over a broad base of needs. Mr. Pellett said that this is envisioned to be a two year study and wondered if U.S.G.S. would front the study for the year and deal with the funding next year.

Commissioner Vaux commented that what they are looking at in terms of the Growth Management Act, is not issuing building permits until water quality and quantity have been met.

Lorna Haycox suggested that perhaps a percentage of the money could be County matching funds. Perhaps the study wouldn't start until December 1, 1991. Perhaps the people of Guemes would be willing to pay a percentage. Mr. Pellett added that he felt sure the people on the island would make a material contribution.

Mark Spahr, Director, Public Works Department, suggested the creation of a sub-flood control zone. There are some unique drainage issues on Guemes. Much of the work in a sub-flood control zone would be determining runoff issues. Probably not all of it would be applicable to ground water, but a substantial portion would be. A sub-flood control zone could fit directly into what U.S.G.S. is planning on doing.

Mr. Pellett apologized for the deadline but they did not receive the application themselves until recently.

Commissioner Vaux suggested that they proceed with completing the application and prior to the 22nd explore some of the other options as far as coming up with the \$50,000. Commissioner Robinson agreed that they should have a chance to check with the residents of the island and talk to the Ferry group.

John Thayer asked if they could apply now and have the funding cycle delayed until later. Guemes is becoming more and more populated and the water problem is becoming critical.

Commissioner Vaux suggested that this matter be put on the agenda next week, with perhaps a special meeting later in the week, to see if some solutions can be found.

3) Response to Sewage Sludge Questions.

John Thayer provided a packet to the Board regarding sewage sludge questions and reviewed the history relative to sewage sludge.

The public has expressed concern about perceived problems relative to sludge sites in Eastern Skagit County. Ken Willis discussed some of these concerns on several occasions with the Board of Health last year and an advisory committee was put together. Ken has worked with that group and they have put together a proposal. They are proposing to beef up the amount of people power used in the sludge program. A meeting is being held this evening with upriver people to listen to their concerns and provide information regarding what the program involves. Ideas will then be taken back to the Ad Hoc Committee.

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They will be doing an upgrading of the code to take care of peoples' concerns, although they feel sure environmental and public health concerns are being met.

Mr. Thayer said they would report back to the Board as they learn more.

Commissioner Vaux asked what crops sludge can be used on. Mr. Willis said that you can put it on cropland for products consumed by humans, but there are a number of restrictions upon the type of crops, (i.e. it can be used heavily on wheat, but not on root crops). The whole issue has been studied very carefully so the threats are clearly understood.

Mr. Willis talked about concerns regarding sludge: 1) pathogens, 2) heavy metal concerns and 3) organic chemicals. He stated that they look at all three areas of concern.

Commissioner Robinson said he would like to see some research done down the line into composting of sludge. This is something he feels should be seriously looked at as a way to process sludge and perhaps make a commodity to sell. Involve private industry with the County monitoring the situation.

Mr. Willis said this will be looked into and that the proposed changes go way beyond what the E.P.A. requires.

4) Update on Ongoing Personal Health Programs: a) Pertussis, b) SIDS.

Valerie Jensen, R.N., Public Health Nurse, reported.

She advised that Pertussis is Whooping Cough, and it was just about gone 10 years ago. There has been an increase in recent years due to wide publicity about rare but serious vaccine side effects. Parents are afraid of the vaccine and too young to remember the disease. Providers are nervous about lawsuits. There have been several confirmed cases recently but no deaths yet. Ms. Jensen said that when you say you have four cases, there are probably much more than that.

In terms of what is being done about it, Ms. Jensen said that one of the things they do is raise the level of awareness in the community by letting all the physicians know about it. They talk to the doctor and the family about what has been done and about who else has been exposed.

In terms of SIDS, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, in Skagit County there were four cases in 1990, which is fairly average considering the birth rate. Ms. Jensen said she visits each family to make sure they have basic facts, and after the funeral does a home visit to provide further information, basic grief counseling and referrals. Ms. Jensen said that she provides statistical information to the state and monitors the experiences of families with first responders (i.e. medical, law enforcement, etc.). She said a monthly support group has also been formed.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:**

1) Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Portion of Sneeoosh Road #4001

Commissioner Vaux opened the public hearing. Mark Spahr, Director, Public Works Department advised that Ed Hawes, Traffic Engineer, has prepared the Engineer's report on this matter.

Mr. Hawes reviewed the Engineer's Report with the Board. The petition from area residents requests that the speed limit of forty five miles per hour between Reservation Road and Swinomish Avenue be decreased

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to forty (40) miles per hour. In addition, there was a request to not only reduce the speed, but also to look at directional signing. Area residents have expressed concerns over high vehicular speeds, deer populations, confused non-local traffic, and lack of pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

The road section under study is approximately 4.83 miles long. In terms of accident experience, a total of ten accidents were reported by the Washington State Patrol on SneeOosh Road between January 1, 1988 and December 31, 1990.

Mr. Hawes said three speed studies were conducted due to the length of the study area. It was found that the average speed traveled was less than that posted. The average percentile speed is around 36 m.p.h. Based strictly on that and on the accident studies, it is felt that it is appropriate to reduce the speed to 40 m.p.h.

Chairman Vaux opened up the hearing to public comment.

Glen Bartlett, 1568 SneeOosh Road, reported that he lives right on the corner below the long hill, and at night drivers can't tell they are coming to a corner. White markers have helped, but have not solved the problem entirely. Also, there are quite a few more accidents than reported. There are tire marks through the neighbors' yards. It would be nice to have the speed reduced at least through the residential area. Mr. Bartlett suggested also that a guard rail might be put up in front of his house. Anything that can be done to make the road safer would be appreciated. Mr. Bartlett added that 40 m.p.h. does not seem a low enough speed limit.

Dale Fisher stated he was sympathetic with Mr. Bartlett's situation. He added that he has reviewed Mr. Hawes' report and as far as the speed study goes, it is in the area where people would normally slow down anyway. He said he could not see how the lowering of the speed limit would be relevant to the situation. The rest of the road is a straight-a-way. He read a resolution prepared by the Kiket Bay Board of Directors. They polled a number of residents who drive the road on a daily basis and found that they are comfortable with the 45 m.p.h. posted speed limit. He requested that the speed limit remain unchanged. Mr. Fisher added that SneeOosh, Burlington, Swinomish and LaConner all joined Mount Vernon in approving the transportation initiative.

Another resident of the area who was present at the hearing stated that the speed should be lowered on the curves, but the rest of the way he would agree that the speed limit does not need to be changed.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was carried.

Commissioner Robinson said that he did not know that a reduction of 5 miles an hour would really impact the problems being experienced. He added that many problems with accidents are involved with people who have been drinking.

Commissioner Vaux asked Mr. Hawes why he is suggesting the lowering of the speed limit since in the speed studies they found people already drive less than the posted speed limit. Mr. Hawes said that if the speed limit is 45 m.p.h. and people go less than the posted speed limit there are some individuals who will tend to pass, to take a chance, when normally they would not do so when there is another speed limit.

Commissioner Vaux suggested that Mr. Hawes make an appointment with Mr. Bartlett to look over the area where he has suggested that guard rails be put up. This might prevent an accident.

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Commissioner Vaux asked if the Sheriff's Office or the Swinomish Indian Reservation Police patrol this area. Commissioner Robinson said he did not know, but that the State Patrol will respond to serious injuries or accidents when asked to by the Reservation Police. Commissioner Vaux added that enforcement seems to be the biggest key to slowing people down.

Commissioner Robinson said that if there is going to be a reduction in speed limit he would recommend that there be at least a 10 m.p.h. reduction, otherwise it should be left the same, with better signing and, possibly, guard rails in areas of concern.

Mark Spahr advised that if the speed limit were to come down lower than the requested 5 m.p.h. reduction, this would have to be posted and another public hearing held.

Commissioner Vaux motioned that the Public Works Department be instructed to take a close, hard look at the signing on corners and make the necessary improvements. Further, they should look at the possibility of putting up guard rails on the corner on the west side and check to see if there is another area where guard rails are needed. Enforcement should also be looked at in that area and it should be determined whether or not the Sheriff's Office is providing enforcement. If that is the case the speed limit should be left as it is at the present time. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was carried.

### 2) Presentation - Certificate of Commendation for Skagit County Recycler of the Month for February - "Anacortes Recycles".

Ric Boge, Recycling Coordinator, stated that every month the Board recognizes an individual group who is making a significant contribution to the cause of recycling in the community. Mr. Boge presented the monthly Certificate of Commendation for Skagit County Recycler of the month to Anacortes Recycles.

Mr. Boge noted that the City of Anacortes provided some funds and volunteers did the planning and work. The result is one of the most efficient drop-off recycling programs in the County.

Mr. Boge introduced Rae Kosloff, Cathy Carmody and Robin Kurowsky to the Board. Mayor Rice of Anacortes was also present.

### 3) Signature - Addendum to George Theodoratus Lease for County Concrete Property

Mr. Theodoratus was present. He noted that he has made a lot of improvements to the property in question.

The property is County right-of-way located across from the County's Concrete Maintenance Shop.

After discussion Commissioner Robinson motioned to accept the Addendum to Lease between Skagit County and George Theodoratus dated March 10, 1986 for signature. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried.

### 4) Resolution - Increasing Solid Waste Operating Fund #401 Change Fund

Mark Spahr, Director Public Works Department, reported. He noted that this resolution is primarily for petty cash items.

After discussion, Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution Increasing the Solid Waste Operating Fund #401 Change Fund from \$550.00 previously authorized to \$1,050.00 by the issuance of a warrant for the sum of \$500.00 to be drawn on the Solid Waste Operating Fund #401.

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Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution # 12840)

5) Resolution - Increasing County Road Fund #117 Change Fund

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution Increasing the County Road Fund #117 Change Fund from \$600.00 previously authorized to \$1,100.00 by the issuance of a warrant for the sum of \$500.00 to be drawn on the County Road Fund #117. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution # 12941)

6) Signature - Professional Services Contract - Hayes Well Drilling

This agenda item was deferred to a later date because of a problem regarding interpretation of the specifications, specifically, regarding soil sampling techniques.

7) Signature - Professional Services Contract - Leonard and Boudinot for Survey Work on East Lake Drive

Mark Spahr reported. Basically, this contract involves installation of a water line via a franchise granted to P.U.D. to serve a resident at the end of a road. Due to a dispute between property owners they are recommending that the services of Leonard and Boudinot be retained to perform necessary survey work. (Contract #00844)

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a Contract for Professional Services between Skagit County and Leonard and Boudinot, Inc. for surveyor services on Eastlake Drive. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Contract #00844)

8) Supplement to Agreement with City of Sedro Woolley for South Third Street

Mark Spahr reported that this supplemental agreement is in conjunction with an earlier agreement with the City of Sedro Woolley for excavation of County roadway to repair a sewerline break. Due to the flooding it has become necessary to do further work on the street, which the City's contractor has offered to provide at a reasonable rate.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a Supplement Agreement entered into with the City of Sedro Woolley. Skagit County shall reimburse the City for repair work after documentation of the actual costs are submitted to Skagit County. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Contract #00356)

9) Signature - Rock Grant

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution that 1200 cubic yards of rock be granted to Mr. Ronald Sargent to rock rip-rap about 300 feet of an unnamed stream off of Lake Terrance Lane. Mr. Sargent may pick up the rock at the County Quarry. Hauling and placing the rock will be the responsibility of Mr. Sargent. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution # 12842)

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the resolution approving a rock rip-rap grant of 500 yards of rock to Mr. Todd Johnson to rip rap approximately 150 feet of eroded embankment along the shorelines of Burrows Bay at Biz Point adjacent to his property. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution # 12843)

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10) Call for Bids - One New 1991 All-Wheel Drive Passenger Van

It was agreed that this matter would be placed on the agenda when Commissioner Wylie is present.

11) Call for Bids - Rental Equipment for Bid (Trucks, Loaders, Backhoes, Excavators, Draglines, Dozers, Etc.)

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to Call for Bids for Rental of Maintenance and Drainage Equipment. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution # 12844)

12) Call for Bids - 100,000 Sandbags

Mark Spahr reported that this item is mainly to replenish the County's sandbag supply.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to Call for Bids for Purchase of 100,000 Sandbags. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution # 12845)

13) Call for Bids - One New 3/4 Ton Cargo Van

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to Call for Bids for Purchase of One New 3/4 Ton Cargo Van. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution # 12846)

14) Miscellaneous

- A) Mr. Spahr presented an Amendment to the Board for their approval of a grant between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Skagit County. After review Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve Amendment No. 1 to Ecology Grant No. Tax 90196 between State of Washington Department of Ecology and Skagit County. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Contract #00317)
- B) Mr. Spahr introduced Kathy Brown to the Board. Ms. Brown will assume the receptionist duties in the Public Works Department.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the consent agenda of February 11, 1991, as presented. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

\* Health Department:

1. Interagency Agreement with Department of Social and Health Services for Title XIX AIDS Case Management. Funds not to exceed \$10,000 are provided to assist individuals with HIV/AIDS. (Contract #00837)

• Assigned Counsel:

2. Professional Services Contract with Skelton and Tims to provide legal services in Superior and Juvenile Court conflict cases. Payment occurs per Section II of the contract, and the contract



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terminates on December 31, 1991. (Contract #00839)

\* Parks and Recreation Department:

3. Annual agreement with Seattle Supersonics to permit Parks and Recreation Department to play one preliminary basketball game on Friday, March 29, 1991, at 3:30 p.m. Skagit County agrees to purchase a minimum of 300 tickets at \$8.00 each in return. (Contract #00838)
4. Out-of State Travel Request for Jon Aarstad, Parks and Recreation Department Director, to travel to San Diego, California, to attend the second session of Pacific Marketing and Revenue Management School from August 24 through 30, 1991. Jon attended the first session last year. Total travel budget will be \$1,215.00, and was included in 1991 budget presentation.
5. Resolution awarding bid for new tractor for the Parks Department to the single and lowest bidder, Barnett Implement Company, for a John Deere-1070/80 Loader with 8A Backhoe for \$24,205.70, plus the optional box scraper for \$1,056.64, for a total of \$25,262.34. (Resolution # 12847)

\* Human Services Department:

6. Contract amendment #1 to Agreement #RSN-91-10-01-03 with North Sound Regional Support Network. Passes through from State to RSN and from RSN to County a 2% vendor rate increase effective 01/01/91 for the balance of the current biennium. Will allow up to \$10,464 over next six months. (Contract #00773)

\* Property Tax Refunds:

7. Frank T. Chinn, 216 North Spruce Street, Burlington, WA 98233, in the amount of \$230.19, due to the destruction of the property affidavit. ((000591)

\* Commissioners' Office:

8. One year Dance License and Application for Robert Lee McMurray on behalf of "Bobby Lee's Pub", 706 Old Highway 99, Burlington, WA. Fee of \$25.00 has been paid, and Sheriff has given permission to issue license.
9. Skagit-Islands Preferred Care Contract for Skagit County with Skagit County Medical Bureau, to furnish to the subscribing employees of Skagit County and their dependents medical, hospital and surgical services for a one year period effective January 1, 1991. (Contract #00840)
10. Agreement with Economic Development of Skagit County for marketing of Skagit County to potential business and industry, in return for a total donation of \$8,000, plus incentive contributions in the amount of \$2,000 as private membership contribution levels are reached. The County's total contribution would not exceed \$16,000. Additionally, EDASC is allowed to lease their present County-owned facility for the sum of \$1.00 per year. (Contract #00841)
11. Call for bids - County legal printing for period from July 1, 1991, to June 30, 1992, to be received and opened on March 26, 1991, at 1:30 p.m. (Resolution # 12848)
12. Record of the proceedings from February 4, 1991.

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13. Record of the proceedings from February 5, 1991.

\* Sheriff's Office:

14. Agreement with MTC/Cascade Job Corps Center setting forth each agency's responsibilities for law enforcement, protection and crime investigations on the Cascade Job Corps property. Agreement contains no monetary compensation for either party. (Contract #00843)

### BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE.

- A. Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, reported that Smith Tractor, whose sales tax has accidentally been credited to the City of Mount Vernon by the Department of Revenue for several months, is now being credited to Skagit County, and the City of Mount Vernon has agreed to reimburse the County for its overpayments.
- B. Mr. Woodmansee reported on his actions as Chairman of the "911" Advisory Committee, and presented for review two letters, one for publication and one for general mailing, which explain factors regarding the implementation of Skagit County's "911" emergency system.
- C. Mr. Woodmansee reported that the Assessor's Office failed to include the Conway School District's Transportation Levy of \$28,000 on the latest tax statements. It was inadvertently missed when computing tax levies. This affects 2,190 statements, and the Assessor is checking to see if a supplemental mailing can be done to correct the error. It will be a few weeks before it is known whether a supplemental mailing can be accomplished, and no Board action is required at this time.
- D. Mr. Woodmansee gave a brief update on the Data Processing Department's computer projects.

### DISCUSSION - SEDRO WOOLLEY SHOP.

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, indicated that the County's legal authority, John Moffat, has reviewed the sale of County property on which the City of Sedro Woolley's maintenance shop is located to the City of Sedro Woolley, and has asked that a title company quit claim form be used.

The quit claim deed was reviewed and the Board gave Mr. Howard the following instructions: 1) add a requirement that the City remove the underground tanks at that location, 2) try to secure an agreement whereby the County can still park equipment there, and 3) remove the reversion clause.

### DISCUSSION - REMOVAL OF SINCLAIR AND CYPRESS ISLAND FROM BUILDING PERMIT MORATORIUM.

Chairman Vaux explained that, while the Board had placed a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for structures constructed on sites outside of fire districts some months ago, Sinclair and Cypress Islands have never had fire departments, and in fact are too small to support fire departments. The Department of Natural Resources is the major landholder on Cypress Island, and provides fire protection in the forested areas. Chairman Vaux noted that, although there are very few building lots on the islands, two requests have been received for building permits which cannot be accepted because of the moratorium.

Gary Christensen, Associate Planner, noted that the interim controls on building outside of fire districts expire in December of 1991.

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Chairman Vaux motioned to exempt Sinclair and Cypress Islands from the requirement of being in a fire district for the purpose of building permit issuance. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**DISCUSSION - TOLL FREE PHONE SERVICE TO ANACORTES "293" EXCHANGE.**

Chairman Vaux reported that at least half of the time when he phones the County's listed number from the Anacortes exchange to the Courthouse, 293-9508, the line is busy. He indicated that since this line is provided to allow County residents in a long distance calling area free telephone access to the County Courthouse, it should be more easily accessible.

The Board directed Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, to secure additional phone lines for free calling from Anacortes to the Courthouse.

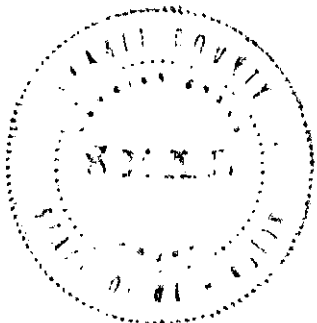
**FIELD REVIEW - DIKE REPAIR ON FIR ISLAND.**

The Board toured a number of levees on Fir Island, and met Senator Slade Gorton and officials from the Corps of Engineers at the site of the main levee failure.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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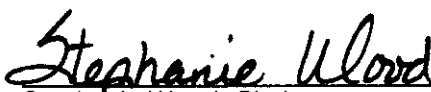


  
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Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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